

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., March 30, 1877.—10:30 a. m.—Faint, Middle States clear; fair weather, rising barometer and northerly winds, shifting to northeast and southeast during the night, with slowly rising temperature, and in the western portions falling barometer.

HOT SATURDAY.—The season of Lent terminates to-morrow, "Sabbato Sancto," or "Holy Saturday."

The day is not especially observed, except in the Catholic Church, where the ceremonies are of considerable length and impressiveness.

The beginning of the morning office is the blessing of the church. From this fire is the entrance of a triple candle, signifying that the light of the blessed Trinity proceeds from the light, communicated to us by Christ risen from the dead.

The Paschal Candle, which is next blessed, represents the body of Christ, and not being lighted at first, represents His death. The three grains of incense blessed and fixed in it represent the aromatic spices that embalmed Him in the sepulchre. This candle is afterwards lighted, to represent His rising to a new life, and the lamps and candles in the church are then lighted to signify that the resurrection of the dead will be followed by that of the members.

Twelve Lessons, or Prophecies, are then read from the Old Testament, accompanied by appropriate prayers, as a means of instruction and grace to those who are to be baptized. The Baptismal font is then blessed, and baptism is administered to such candidates as may present themselves and be deemed worthy.

At the conclusion of the baptisms the Priest and Ministers lay prostrate before the altar, while the Litany of the Saints is sung. At the end of the Litany the Priest, vested in white, commences the Mass, and has been silent since Thursday, rising at a joyful peal in honor of Christ's resurrection.

These services were originally performed during the night of Saturday, and the Mass commenced immediately after midnight, on Easter morning. The services in St. Mary's Church to-morrow will commence at 6 a. m.

POTOMAC FERRY COMPANY.—At a meeting of the directors of the Potomac Ferry Company, held in New York, on Wednesday last, Mr. Henry Hart, of that city, a large stockholder, consenting to serve without compensation, was elected President, the retiring President, Mr. S. S. Howison, not being willing to perform the duties of the position without salary. Mr. Philip, of Washington, was elected Manager, and Capt. Samuel Gedney, resigned, and Mr. Gedney was elected Treasurer. Mr. Howison will remain in the office of the Company, in Washington, for the present. He has been President of the Company for some years past, during which time, by his efficient and economical management of its affairs, he has relieved it of a large amount of outstanding indebtedness, besides putting the steamers employed on the ferry between this city and Washington in excellent order, by an expenditure of fourteen thousand dollars. During the time he had charge of the Company, he has invariably consulted, not only its interests, but the convenience and pleasure of the public, and has consequently rendered himself exceedingly popular, and his resignation, as well as that of Capt. Gedney, who has been connected with the Company for many years past, will be generally regretted.

THE COAL TRADE.—The Cumberland News of yesterday says: "There is nothing especially new to note in the coal trade. Twelve boats were dispatched by canal yesterday, and two others loaded but not cleared, waiting until this morning. The Maryland company are still paying ninety cents freight, and say they can get all the boats they require at that figure. Same freight was yesterday arranged for at sixty-five cents, and still others at less than sixty cents—in one case reported to be eighty cents per ton."

The Alleganians say: "The men employed on the Consolidation wharf are not on a strike, but are at work. They say they have not heard of any proposition to reduce their wages. The coal trade now promises to be lively, since all the differences have been adjusted in a few days. The operators and the employees have all encouraging hopes for the year. The competition between our coal companies for trade promises to bring the profits within a close margin. We shall not be surprised to hear of Cumberland coal selling lower than the Maryland coal. A large output will help the others, if it does not enrich the companies. The shipments of coal by canal yesterday amounted to 1,350 tons, which is an encouraging business for so early a day in the season."

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.—The committee of the City Council appointed to investigate the charges against Wm. B. Brown, Superintendent of Police, met again, this morning, at the office of S. C. Neale, ex-c. A communication was received from Mr. Edmund Burke, announcing himself as counsel for Brown and asking that he be heard in his defense. The committee granted the request and fixed upon to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, as the time and place for hearing Brown either in person or by counsel as he may elect. The meeting will be public.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO-DAY.—Good Friday was appropriately observed in the Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches to-day, large congregations being present at all of them. Tonight services will be held at St. Mary's Church at 7:30 p. m., with a sermon on the Passion by Rev. W. E. Clarke, of Baltimore. In Grace Church, there will be services at the same hour by Rev. Dr. Sprigg. Services will also be held in the M. E. Church, and the communion will be administered.

ESCAPED.—Mrs. Fannie Porter, who was confined in the city jail, for disorderly conduct, succeeded yesterday evening in making her escape. She had been allowed, as usual, to go into the cellar after wood, and while the keeper's attention was attracted to another direction she succeeded in slipping out of the door and walking off. A man from Washington was here yesterday endeavoring to effect her release, and it is supposed that she went off to Washington with him.

O. L. S.—This society, which has been organized for one quarter, met at their room on Washington street, last night, for the election of officers to serve for the ensuing quarter. The following named gentlemen were elected: Fred. G. Roger, President; H. K. Field, Vice President; Neville S. Greenaway, Secretary; C. H. Pickens, Treasurer.

CALLING MEETING OF COUNCIL.—In view of the strictures made in the City Council on Tuesday night and in the meeting of the investigating committee on Wednesday night, Mayor Johnson has determined to call the Council together on Monday night, and lay before them a statement of the affairs of his office.

Mr. ISAAC EICHBERG, who is at present in New York purchasing his entire spring stock, writes that he has shipped a large line of carpets in all grades and qualities. Oil cloth in all widths and quality, and a fine line of mattes, rugs, &c., which he most respectfully invites the citizens of Alexandria to examine, as the goods are ready for export.

Local Brevities.

Mrs. Helen C. Tane has been appointed acting keeper of the light house, at New Point, vice Mrs. Mary C. Wilson, resigned.

The schooner W. P. Davis, on shore near the Long Bridge, on Wednesday evening, but got off yesterday and proceeded on her voyage.

The only cases at police headquarters, this morning, were those of Samuel Sheekles and Henry Harey, for vagrancy, who were ordered to leave town at once.

The term of the United States Court which was to have commenced in this city, to-day, has been postponed until Monday, April 15, by order of Judge Hughes.

There were slight alarms of fire last night, one caused by a burning chimney on the canal bank, and the other by shooting on Naylor's Hill. Neither alarm was sufficient to bring out the Fire Department.

The Richmond Dispatch says: "Secretary Thompson said yesterday to Col. Brady and Lewis McKenzie, of Virginia, that he meant to administer his department strictly according to law."

Rev. Peyton Morgan, of Laurel, will preach in the M. E. Church this morning at 7:30 o'clock. The union prayer meeting last night was well attended. Church members, Patrick and Dinwiddie took part in the exercises.

A large crowd of negroes and boys were collected this morning by the appearance on the streets of two travelling wagons, gaily painted and furnished with soap, the occupants of which scrambled bars of soap among the mob.

Wm. C. Sano, of Annapolis, Fairfax Co., was brought before U. S. Commissioner Fowler to-day, charged with violating the Internal Revenue law by selling tobacco without having paid the special license tax. He was admitted to bail for his appearance at the July term of U. S. Circuit Court.

By no time, for prevention is better than cure. All Coughs and Colds and such affections of the throat and lungs as lead to consumption are cured by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Every druggist has cures for Wells' Eureka for the teeth; a first-class article will always sell; persons who use it help advertise it as being first-class.

SLIGHTLY SOILED sheeting cotton, bed ticking, table linen, towels and napkins. We are cleared, selling these goods at a great loss. Black silks very cheap, also black cashmere. CARTER'S, 707 Market Space, Washington, D. C.

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"M. I. WILLY, Clinton, Ga."

SPEER'S PORT GRAPE WINE.—This article of American Wine is highly esteemed by the best physicians in this country. The following is a testimonial from a lady from the New York Hospital. We publish it for the information of our readers:

"I am using Speer's Port Grape Wine, and find it to be an excellent tonic and gentle stimulant, and as such I believe it preferable to the commercial port and other wines, as it possesses their tonic properties without the deleterious effect caused by their impurities. It is also very palatable, and this is a recommendation to many—especially females."

S. S. HARRIS, M.D., N. Y. Hospital.

This is an excellent article for family use and for females. Druggists have it for sale.

TRY IT.—We can recommend our readers to use EDWARDS & HUTCHISON'S LINIMENT. There is nothing better for Rheumatism, Sprains, Bruises, Frostitis, and Chilblains; also equally good for injuries in horses. Try it, and you will find it does all we claim.

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A CARD.—To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, Bible House, New York city.

EDWARD MORRIS.

DIED.

In Brooklyn, New York, on Thursday, March 22, 1877, of consumption, Mr. GEO. MOORE, eldest son of Capt. John Moore, of Aldie, in the 44th year of his age.

CANDIDATES.

TO THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA.—I CITY-T respectfully announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Gas, subject to the decision of the conservative nominating convention. If elected, I will faithfully discharge the duties of the position. Respectfully,

EDWARD MORRIS.

PROPOSALS.

OFFICE GAS WORKS.

Alexandria, Va., March 22, 1877.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until April 8th, 1877, for THIRTEEN HUNDRED (1300) TONS BEST QUALITY HUNDOGHEN GAS COAL, to be delivered at the city wharf during canal navigation of the year 1877. Bidders will state the terms, &c., upon which they propose to sell the coal. The committee reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Gas Light Committee:

M. H. NASH, Sup't.

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mh 9-2m

FOR SALE OR RENT.

HOUSE FOR SALE.—The FRAMED HOUSE No. 157 south Lee street, will be sold at a low price to a purchaser who will remove it or tear it down at once. Apply at this office.

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FOR SALE OR RENT.—The three story BRICK HOUSE on Royal street, between King and Duke, now occupied by Dr. Dr. Mitchell, with water and gas. Apply to mh 22-1m

FOR RENT.—The DESIRABLE RESIDENCE No. 100 Duke street. Terms moderate. Possession given immediately. Furniture at private sale. mh 20-2w

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A Southern gentleman wishes to exchange an elegant dwelling house on one of the finest avenues in Chicago, Ill., for a good farm on the Potomac or Rappahannock rivers, or between the Rappahannock and the James, where it is salt and navigable. Address C. J. ADAMS, Ill. Chicago, Ill., mh 12-2w

FOR RENT.—A TWO STORY BRICK HOUSE, with water and gas, and a TWO STORY FRAME HOUSE, 66 and 67 of Wolfe st. Enquire at 67 Wolfe st. mh 10-2w

FOR RENT.—For rent the TWO THREE STORY BRICK WAREHOUSES on Union street, Nos. 11 and 13, in excellent order for the storage of grain. Apply to

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.)

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 30—12 m.—In his interview with Governor Hampton, yesterday, President Hayes, carrying out the "policy" he has adopted since his inauguration of "dilly-dallying" and delaying, declined to commit himself to any definite course of action with regard to South Carolina, but suggested an arbitrament—a "commission"—he is a believer in "commissions" since his success in that line—by which he would be able to save his friend Chamberlain, to whom the administration seems to have a decided leaning. He would like to have him in the U. S. Senate, for it is not certain that an important position would be confirmed, Chamberlain's character not ranking A. 1. Gov. Hampton's mode of procedure is not palatable; he has a manly, straightforward way of doing business, not in vogue here; his high-toned and fearless expressions, uttered with all due deference, but with a firmness and decision, based upon a consciousness of right, that has not been heard in "high official circles" since the good days of yore, all combine to make him rather feared, while he can but be admired, and already the more embittered of the "King's favorites" are snarling and showing their teeth at him. They are mad that he is treated with so much consideration and that he talks so boldly in the presence of "royalty," while Chamberlain and other "underlings" creep about on beaded knee and speak with "bated breath" in the presence of their "superior." Hampton is a peer, and knows it. Others may assume such role as best suits them—vassals if they please.

Mr. Wheeler positively refused to go to New Orleans to sit in judgment upon his own case. He could not decide that Hayes had not received the vote of Louisiana, after the "commission" had decided by a vote of 8 to 7 that he had.

The announcement by the Boston Post of Washington correspondent that Mr. Good's "is in training" for the governorship of Virginia, which will probably put him out of the "race" for the speakership of the next House, is incorrect. Mr. Good is not a candidate for the governorship, as he some time since stated, but his many friends are anxious that he should be "in the race" for the speakership. The contest between Messrs. Randall and Saylor for that position is active, and the fight may come between them finally, with the chances in favor of Mr. Randall. It is conceded the democrats will have a sufficient majority in the next House for all practical purposes.

The consideration of grave topics has for the past few days had a depressing effect upon office-seekers, whose claims have to be pigeon-holed for the present, to the infinite chagrin, not to say disgust, of this numerous class now infesting this city and crowding the White House and all the departments.

3 p. m.—There was a Cabinet meeting to-day, the chief topic before which was the conversation had yesterday between Gov. Hampton and the President upon political affairs in South Carolina. Some of Gov. Hampton's sanguine friends express a confidence that the order for the removal of the troops from Columbia will be issued, but his adversaries are fully as confident that no such action will be taken at present, and they claim that sufficient guarantees have not been given to warrant such a course; and as doubtful things are very uncertain, this may be placed with the doubtful.

Gov. Hampton dines to-day with Mr. Corcoran and a few friends at Mr. C.'s residence. The Governor has been in a parlor at Willard's all the forenoon, holding a levee, so numerous have been the calls. A very large crowd has been collected in front of the hotel waiting to get a glimpse of the man who is decidedly greater in the public esteem, than Hayes. There is a probability that there will be further consultation or communication between the Governor and President after the adjournment of the Cabinet this afternoon.

Various delegations in the interest of "peace and harmony," and looking after the spoils, have been at the White House to-day. Some have been lucky enough to "get in"—others, among them a mixed crowd from Alexandria, failed of their object. Some of the "Virginia republicans" from "Vermont" and other eastern cities are making themselves active about Virginia appointments.

LATER.

From the best information obtainable it is not thought that any order for the removal of the troops in Columbia will be made yet.

CABINET MEETING.

The Cabinet meeting to-day convened soon after noon, and the Southern question was well discussed, but no conclusion has yet been announced.

ALEXANDRIA DELEGATION OF COLORED MEN.

A delegation, consisting of Robert Mitchell, A. W. Harris, Gus Lumpkins, Chas. Seals, Jas. Piper, T. E. Dulaury, and other leading colored men were at the President's House soon after noon, desiring to see the President, but, as the Cabinet was in session, they were unable to get a sight until after its adjournment. It is understood that they called to make representations concerning Federal patronage in Virginia, and the proper recognition of colored men in its distribution.

An Arkansas delegation also called on the President.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A delegation of the Society of Friends among which were Samuel M. Janney, of Loudoun, Va.; Wm. Parrish, of Richmond; Chalkley Gilhigam, of Va., and Susan D. Wharton, have visited the President with regard to Indian affairs, which has been under the management of Friends. Mr. Janney presented an address to the President. The President made a brief speech in reply, in which he said he proposed no change in the peace policy as it existed, unless events now unforeseen rendered it necessary, and then he would exercise due caution in any official action that might be taken.

On account of the decrease of work in the Bureau of Printing and Engraving of the Treasury Department caused by the substitution of silver for fractional currency, the working force is too large, and will be materially diminished. Those to be retained, it is stated, will be selected entirely with regard to their efficiency. The axe will fall about the first of April, and a large number of victims will be decapitated.

Notwithstanding the reports to the contrary, heretofore published, it is now said that there is every reason to believe that the question of changes in foreign missions will be considered some time this week.

His late arrival from Liverpool for St. John's, has been his with all but two of her crew.

Telegraphic Summary.

The crew of the ship Emma Cassen, from Tuckerton for New York, were rescued by a passing steamer yesterday, fifteen minutes before the steam sunk.

B. F. Young, a railroad conductor, was crushed to death between two cars at Jersey City to-day.

Samuel Knott, a grocery merchant of Portsmouth, Va., committed suicide by shooting himself in the breast and stomach yesterday.

Robert King was caught in the machinery at a mill in Wilmington, Del., to-day, and is instantly killed.

Louisiana.

J. Ross Stewart, colored, was yesterday expelled from the Packard Legislature, charged with endeavoring to induce other members to join the Nicholls Legislature. Stewart made a speech before leaving the State House, declaring that he had only remained there for the purpose of creating dissensions, &c.

Ex-Gov. Pinchback was appointed by Gov. Nichols, and confirmed by the Senate, as a member of the State Board of Education.

A. H. Corbin, colored, formerly Secretary of the City School Board, was appointed by Gov. Nichols Tax Collector for the Sixth District in the city. Several other colored men have been appointed to lucrative offices by Gov. Nichols.

The merchants' Exchange of St. Louis yesterday adopted resolutions requesting the President to withdraw the troops from the Louisiana State House, as their presence there was the cause of the prevailing business depression throughout the southwest.

The Louisiana Commission will meet in New Orleans on Wednesday next. Its first object will be to secure a Louisiana measure which will be acceptable to both parties, and on this all further proceedings will hinge. The President has requested Gen. Gibson and Col. Levy, of Louisiana, to repair to New Orleans and assist the Commission in their work. In company with ex-Representatives Smith, Sheridan, and Wheeler they left Washington for that city last night. It is expected that the Commission will be in session for two weeks.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL.—The following case was argued in the United States Supreme Court Tuesday:

Corcoran et al. vs. Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company. Appeal from the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. This was an action by W. W. Corcoran, in behalf of himself and others, to enforce the trust of a deed executed by the company to secure preferred construction bonds. The principal questions of law were whether a mortgage upon the revenues of the company to secure coupon bonds and interest thereon secured the interest accruing on the overdue coupons, as well as the face of the coupons, and whether the case is res judicata in consequence of certain decisions of the questions in proceedings in the Maryland courts. The decision below was to dismiss the bill. It is here contended that it was the money of these bondholders which extended the canal to the coal regions and made it of any value whatever, and that no interest was paid from 1852 to 1865, this amount of interest is secured by the deed of the same as the face of the coupons.

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New York, March 24-ent

OFFICE OF ADAMANTINE BRICK CO.

Alexandria, Va., March 20, 1877.

A meeting of the stockholders of the "ADAMANTINE BRICK COMPANY OF VIRGINIA" will be held at the office of the company, at Waterloo Station, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of April, 1877, at 12 o'clock a. m.

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NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the ALEXANDRIA MARINE RAILWAY AND SHIP BUILDING CO. will be held at the Commercial Exchange Building on TUESDAY, April 3, 1877, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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W. M. BACON, Secretary.

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